

ACTON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 68 WINDSOR AVENUE, ACTON MA 01720 **MINUTES**

TOWN CLERK, ACTON

September 7, 2010

Present:

Bernice Baran, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Dennis Sullivan and Robert Whittlesey

Absent:

Nancy Kolb Also Present: Kelley Cronin

Mr. Whittlesey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Ms. Baran made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Sghia-Hughes and unanimously voted in the affirmative to:

Approve the minutes of the August 10, 2010 meeting.

- 2. Ms. Cronin reminded the Board that the Board of Appeals hearing was scheduled for September 13th. Ms. Cronin included the award letter from Mass Housing Partnership (MHP) for the grant. She also included a letter from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for twelve project based vouchers.
- 3. Ms. Cronin and Mr. Whittlesey briefed the Board on their meeting with DHCD about the new units. DHCD told Ms. Cronin and Mr. Whittlesey that their priority was for homeless families and asked the AHA to set aside half the units for homeless families. Ms. Cronin told DHCD that she was sure the AHA Board would not want to set aside that many units for homeless families. Only half the units, six, can be set aside for local families because of the fair housing requirements in the housing programs. Homeless families always receive a priority preference for any State rental housing units. The AHA's experience has been that local families still get served because by the time a unit becomes available in Acton the homeless family on the AHA waiting list has already received housing. The Board agreed to set aside 3units if homeless families from Acton and Boxborough get priority and if the State provides enough subsidy to pay for services.
- 4. The Board reviewed the copies of the unit layouts and elevations. The Board discussed the budget for the project.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley A. Cronin Executive Director

Attachments: August minutes, MHP award letter, DHCD award letter, Architectural drawings of unit lay outs and elevations